

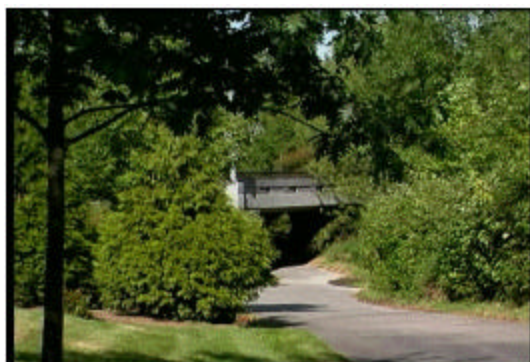
Great Places in Redmond: The results are in!

A survey of approximately 100 people conducted at Derby Days and online asked: Does Redmond have Great Places, and if so, what are they? **Ninety-five percent** of those surveyed believe that Redmond has Great Places. The top three places are: The Sammamish River Trail, Marymoor Park, and Redmond Town Center. Participants listed Downtown, the BNSF Right-of-Way, and the Municipal Campus as the top places that could be great (excluding those categorized as “great”).

The next step is to identify how the City can turn citizen recommendations into results. Many citizens’ recommendations are already under study or budgeted for completion, while others are new.

Great Places

Redmond Town Center is a favorite place to shop, see friends, relax, take the kids to, and find entertainment. Top enhancements ideas are: better links to the rest of Downtown, a larger kid’s play area, and increased outdoor activities and more gathering places.



Survey respondents cited the **Sammamish River Trail** as a great place to walk, bicycle, socialize, exercise, and commute. Participants would like to see additional gathering and rest places, a continued commitment to keeping the area natural, and improved trail connections.

Redmond citizens enjoy **Marymoor Park’s** myriad activities, open spaces, fireworks, trails, and more. Top suggestions included a return to free parking, improved maintenance and retaining the existing open space.



Great Potential

Two main ideas emerged with regard to the **BNSF Right-of-Way**: transforming the corridor into a pedestrian and bicycle park, or transforming it into a local trolley to service Redmond and nearby communities. In either case, participants place a high priority on acquiring the land.



Respondents see much potential for **Downtown Redmond**, especially in the Old Town district, including increasing pedestrian amenities, promoting the area's historic elements, improving traffic flow, and focusing on small and local businesses.



Ensuring that the **Municipal Campus**, especially with the new City Hall, becomes a focal point for Downtown and a vibrant gathering place for a variety of community members was the near-unanimous opinion of those surveyed.



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Detailed Results

Does Redmond have Great Places?

Response	Frequency
Yes	89
No	5

Where are Redmond's Great Places?

Place	Frequency
Redmond Town Center	44
Sammamish River Trail/Burke Gilman Trail	34
Marymoor Park	32
Farrel McWhirter Park	11
Hartman Park	11
Anderson Park	10
Saturday Market	10
Idylwood Park	6
Victor's Coffee	6
Watershed Preserve	6
Parks (general)	5
Perrigo Park	5
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center	4
Riverwalk	4
Old Town	3
Bear Creek	2
Redmond Regional Library	2
Old Fire House Teen Center	2
Red Brick Road	2
Skate Park	2
NE 51st Street bridge over 520	1
SR-520 bike trail	1
Bella Bottega	1
Big Time Pizza	1
BNSF Right-of-Way	1
Celtic Bayou	1
Coho Café	1
Downtown	1
Education Hill	1
Firehouse Plaza	1
Fred Meyer/Target shopping area	1
Grasslawn Park	1

Haida House	1
Justice White House	1
Larry's Market	1
Lions Gate	1
Municipal Campus	1
Nike Park	1
Puget Power Trail	1
Redmond Center	1
Redmond Pool	1
Reservoir Park	1
Residence Inn	1
Rosetree Cottage	1
Ruby's	1
Sammamish River at 90th St. Bridge	1
Sammamish River bridge at PSE Trail	1
Shopping (general)	1
Sixty-01 Rhododendrons	1
Theno's Dairy	1
Trails (general)	1
Tu Casa Restaurant	1
Tully's Coffee	1
Undeveloped areas	1
Village Café	1
Workshop Tavern	1

Places nominated outside of Redmond

Place	Frequency
Bellevue Square	1
Spazzo's Mediterranean Grill (Bellevue)	1
Peter Kirk Park (Kirkland)	1

What makes them Great Places? How could they be enhanced?

Great characteristics of Redmond Town Center

Reason	Frequency
Community gathering place	19
Exceptional retail experience	16
Variety of activities	11
Architectural form	8
Ambiance	6
Kid friendly	4
Pedestrian friendly	4
Dog friendly	1
Central location	1

Enhancement ideas for Redmond Town Center

Idea	Frequency
Increase public spaces & outdoor activities	9
Link to rest of downtown	3
Increase size of play area	2
Close center plaza to vehicle traffic	2
Improve merchant mix	2
Increase parking	2
Add a department store	1
Add housing	1
Add a bowling or skating facility	1
Keep open-space aspect of Bear Creek Pkwy.	1
Expand the Saturday Market	1
Resume horse-drawn carriage rides at Christmas	1
Improve maintenance	1
Improve visual beauty	1
Increase shade & vegetation	1
Offer independent film screenings	1
Offer shuttle to off-site parking	1
Stay open later	1
Improve bad-weather protection	1

Great characteristics of the Sammamish River Trail

Reason	Frequency
Trail recreation	30
Natural & scenic aspects	17
Accessibility	5
Periodic amenities	5
Provides connections	5
Great views	4
Water recreation	4
Relaxing	3
Wildlife sightings	3
Art	2
Opportunity to meet people	2

Enhancement ideas for the Sammamish River Trail

Idea	Frequency
Create gathering places	7
Keep it natural	6
Add shade trees & landscaping	5
Complete trail connections	4
Improve traffic mitigation	3
Add natural education component	2
Add separate walking/jogging trail	2
Educate users on trail etiquette	2
Widen trail	2
Add viewpoints	1
Add water stops	1
Extend Bear Creek trail	1
Integrate with community	1
Orient buildings to trail	1

Great characteristics of Marymoor Park

Reason	Frequency
Variety of activities	15
Dog area	12
Athletic facilities	6
Trees/green space	6
Concerts	3
Large size	3
Trail access	3
Climbing wall	2
Community gathering place	2
Overall facility quality	2
History	1
Parking availability	1
Pea Patch	1
Picnic areas	1
Relaxing	1
Wildlife sightings	1

Enhancement ideas for Marymoor Park

Idea	Frequency
Resume free parking	6
Improve maintenance	4
Retain open spaces	3
Make it a people place	3
Annex it to the city	2
Expand food offerings	2
Improve road access	2
Invite large cycling events	2
Increase funding	1
Bring historical aspect back	1
Do nothing	1
Get rid of moles	1
Improve climbing structure	1
Improve lake access	1
Increase music offerings	1
More sporting events	1
Protect bird habitat	1
Install turf soccer fields	1

What places in Redmond *could* be Great Places? What would it take to make them that way?

Place	Frequency
Downtown, including Old Town	25
Redmond Municipal Campus	11
Redmond Town Center	10
BNSF Right-of-Way	9
Sammamish River Trail/Burke-Gilman Trail	8
Skate Park	5
Redmond Regional Library	4
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center	4
Redmond (general)	4
Marymoor Park	3
Puget Power Trail	3
Redmond Center	3
Saturday Market	3
Education Hill	2
Idylwood Park	2
Luke McRedmond Park	2

Traffic	2
Victor's Coffee	2
165th Ave NE between NE 85th and 80th Sts.	1
166 Avenue NE between NE 85th & 104 th Sts.	1
Anderson Park	1
Art – provide more	1
Art Gallery area – create one	1
Bear Creek corridor (lower portion) and Keller Farm	1
Bear Creek Parkway extension	1
Bear Creek Shopping Center	1
Bella Bottega	1
Benches – provide more	1
Cleveland St. & Redmond Way	1
Community Center and Learning Center in North Redmond – build one	1
Dudley Carter property on Sammamish Slough	1
East Lake Sammamish property	1
Empty building near the Saturday Market	1
Empty corner lot behind Redmond Elementary	1
Farrel McWhirter Park	1
Fire Station	1
Golf courses	1
Historical museum	1
Justice White House	1
Lake Sammamish	1
Lake-front parks	1
Density - reduce	1
Meadow Park	1
NE 104th & 166 Ave NE and NE 116th & 172 Avenue NE	1
Neighborhoods	1
Old Fire House Teen Center	1
O'Leary Park	1
Overlake Shopping Center	1
Parking – improve planning for it	1
Pedestrian friendliness	1
Performing arts center	1
Ravine on 171st north of 80th,	1
Redmond Trolley – create it	1

Restaurants	1
Retail shopping – add more	1
Sammamish Valley	1
Senior Center	1
Sidewalk art	1
Sixty Acres	1
Slough House Park	1
Transit center	1
Winery or brewery in Redmond part of Sammamish Valley	1
Winmar Woods	1

Places nominated outside of Redmond

Place	Frequency
Carillon Point (Kirkland)	1
Totem Lake Mall (Kirkland)	1
Red Hook Brewery (Woodinville)	1

Enhancement ideas for Downtown, including Old Town

Idea	Frequency
Add pedestrian amenities	7
Improve traffic flow / connections	4
Focus on small business	3
Limit vehicular access	3
Promote historic elements (specifically Old Town)	3
Turn Redmond/Cleveland to two-way streets	3
Attract delis/cafes/coffee shops	3
Add on-street parking	2
Build a nightlife	2
Add art	1
Add park attraction with playground	1
Add parking	1
Add street vendors	1
Add trees	1
Bring more housing downtown	1
Bring in galleries, antique shops (specifically Old Town)	1
Connect to Town Center	1
Fewer strip malls	1
Improve maintenance of buildings outside Town Center	1
Improve streetscape	1
Make it a destination	1
Modernize building facades	1

Enhancement ideas for the Municipal Campus

Idea	Frequency
Create gathering places	2
Improve maintenance	1
Improve visual appeal of Courthouse	1
Make it more pedestrian-centered	1

Enhancement ideas for the BNSF Right-of-Way

Idea	Frequency
Transform into a park and pedestrian corridor	5
Transform into light rail or trolley to local cities	2
Acquire the land	1

Redmond places most often mentioned in the survey (of those mentioned more than once)

Place	Frequency
Redmond Town Center	54
Sammamish River Trail/Burke Gilman Trail	42
Marymoor Park	35
Old Town	15
Downtown	14
Saturday Market	13
Farrel McWhirter Park	12
Municipal Campus	12
Anderson Park	11
BNSF Right-of-Way	11
Hartman Park	11
Idylwood Park	8
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center	8
Victor's Coffee	8
Skate Park	7
Redmond Regional Library	6
Watershed Preserve	6
Parks (general)	5
Perrigo Park	5
Puget Power Trail	4
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Redmond Center	4
Riverwalk	4
Bear Creek	3
Education Hill	3
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Luke McRedmond Park	2
Red Brick Road	2
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